GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF POWER
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any Memorandum from the State Governments of Southern Region regarding allocation of unallocated power from the Central Pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have consulted the State Government before taking a decision;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e): The Central Electricity Authority reviewed the power supply position in the Southern Region in Dec.,1999 and the allocation to Andhra Pradesh from the Central unallocated quota was increased by 5% and the allocation of Kerala was reduced by 5%. Two letters dated 21.12.1999 and 17.1.2000 were received from the Ministry of Electricity and Co-operation, Government of Kerala regarding the reduction in the allocation out of unallocated quota to Kerala to which a reply was sent on 24.2.2000 to the Minister of Electricity and Cooperation, Government of Kerala, by the Union Minister of Power clarifying the situation.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the Ministry of Power, Government of India and Government of Karnataka on 12.2.2000 for implementation of reforms in the power sector in Karnataka. According to the agreement, 80 MW ofpower out of the unallocated quota from Neyveli Stage-IIhas been allocated to Karnataka in March 2000 by making corresponding reduction in the allocation to Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in the unallocated quota of Neyveli Stage-II.Letters were received from the Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh and the Minister for Health and Electricity, Government of Tamil Nadu in March 2000 addressed to Union Minister of Power regarding reduction inthe allocation to their states for unallocated quota of Neyveli Stage-II.Minister of Power sent replies to the letters of Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh and Minister for Health and Electricity,Tamil Nadu on 30th April, 2000 and 9th June, 2000 respectively.

15% of power in the central sector power stations is kept unallocated to meet the emergent/seasonal requirements of the constituent States/UTs in the region. The power supply position in the region is reviewed from time to time and allocation out of unallocated quota is made based on the relative power shortages in the States/UTs in the region. In addition, weightage is also given now to reforming states in allocation of power out of the unallocated quota.